

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project has proposed to set up Global Automotive Research Centre at Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including estimated cost of the project and the proposed functions thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the above Centre is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The National Automotive Testing and Research and Development Infrastructure Project (NATRiP) envisages setting up of full-fledged test facilities at Global Automotive Research Centre at Orgadam, Chennai at a total investment of about Rs. 618.83 crore. The facility will have a full spectrum of homologation and performance testing of automobiles ranging from two and three wheelers to heavy commercial vehicles. It will also be the Centre of Excellence for passive safety, electromagnetic compatibility and infotronics.

(c): The centre is scheduled to be completed by December, 2012.